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C O N F I D E N T I A L FRANKFURT 4942

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, GW
SUBJ: FRANKFURT MAYOR WALLMANN ON THE FATE OF THE FDP

REF: FRANKFURT 4907

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL
GENERAL ON JUNE 19 FRANKFURT LORD MAYOR WALTER
WALLMANN (CDU) STRESSED THAT DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES
BESETTING THE FREE DEMOCRATS, HE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT
COUNT THEM OUT IN HESSE. WALLMANN FEELS THERE IS A
DIFFERENCE IN THE SITUATIONS BETWEEN LOWER SAXONY AND
HAMBURG ON ONE HAND AND THAT IN HESSE ON THE OTHER,
AND THAT THERE MIGHT WELL BE A KIND OF SYMPATHY VOTE
FOR THE FDP IN REACTION TO THE DIFFICULTIES THE PARTY
HAS ENCOUNTERED ELSEWHERE. WALLMANN WAS ALSO
MILDLY CRITICAL OF DREGGER'S MILITANT NOTE IN CALLING
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ON THE VOTERS TO BREAK THE "POLITICAL POWER CARTEL"
OF THE SPD/FDP IN THE STATE. HE THINKS THAT MAKING THE
HESSE STATE ELECTION A NATIONAL ISSUE WOULD WORK
AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WHO SHOULD TO EVERY-
THING IN THEIR POWER TO ORIENT THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN
TOWARD LOCAL ISSUES.

2. COMMENT: WALLMANN'S COMMENTS COMING FROM ONE OF THE CDU'S MOST ABLE AND PERCEPTIVE, AS WELL AS RELATIVELY YOUNG, POLITICIANS IS CERTAINLY WORTH TAKING INTO ACCOUNT. IT MIGHT BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT WALLMANN FAILED TO FORESEE HIS OWN SUCCESS IN THE MARCH 1977 CMMUNAL ELECTIONS WHICH, MUCH TO HIS SURPRISE, CARRIED HIM INTO THE FRANKFURT CITY HALL. LEHMANN

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